(c) the earlier versions of the MiG-21 aircraft (e.g. Type-77, Type-96 and Type-75 Bis) are in the process of being phased out. The latest version has been upgraded to MiG-21 Bison using the contemporary systems and is likely to continue in the service till 2020.

Non-inclusion of up in Republic Day Parade, 2006

336. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh has been winning prizes in the Republic Day Parade right from 1953 to 2005 an unbroken sequence of 52 years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh did not find any place in this years parade in the Capital; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Tableau proposal received from the State of Uttar Pradesh was considered by the Expert Committee appointed for the purpose alongwith the proposals received from other States/Union Territories/Departments in various meetings. However, the proposal of Uttar Pradesh was not shortlisted by the Expert Committee for inclusion in the cultural pageant of Republic Day Parade, 2006. The tableaux are shortlisted based on overall merit and the duration of the Republic Day Parade.

Acquistion and eviction notices issued by Mahu Cantonment Board

337. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether acquisition and eviction notices have been issued by the Mahu Cantonment Board, District indore (Madhya Pradesh) on-occupants

of residential and non-residential areas in the Cantonment and the army areas around it;

(b) the number of house-owners and commercial establishments on whom notices have been served;

(c) the purposes for which acquisition notices have been served and the land acquired is purported to be used; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to extend the civil area of the cantonment, if so, to what extent and the steps so far taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No acquisition notice has been issued by the Cantonment Board, Mhow. However, some notices for eviction have been issued to encroachers on Government land under management of Cantonment Board, Mhow by the Cantonment Executive Officer as Estates Officer under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

(c) Does not arise as no acquisition notice has been served by Cantonment Board, Mhow.

(d) Presently, the Government does not contemplate extension of Civil area in Mhow Cantonment.

Revision of Pension

338. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revise upwards the pensions for all lower ranks who retired before 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to introduce or develop a second skill during service so that they can lead a smooth life after retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M. M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1.1.2006, pension of pre-1.1.1996 retirees of all ranks of Personnel below officer rank (PBOR) in Army, Navy and Air Force would be revised with reference to the maximum of post-1.1.1996